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Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced a group of 8th grade students from Billerica Memorial High School, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests Mr. Lombardo of Billerica.

Billerica.—
8th grade
Students.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced members of the Odd Fellows Fraternal Organization of Franklin and Dedham, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests of Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Roy of Franklin.

Odd
Fellows.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Kim Lalli for being recognized as a 2022 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

Kim
Lalli.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) celebrating the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Immigrants Assistance Center, Inc., of New Bedford on Friday, May 13, 2022; and

Immigrants
Assistance
Center.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Dr. Paula M. Rooney on celebrating her retirement from Dean College;

Dr. Paula
Rooney.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until Sunday, July 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 866, 867, 889, 894 and 2864, and House documents numbered 1373, 1378, 1404, 1415, 1429, 1440, 1442, 3721, 4148, 4229 and 4354.

Housing committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4771) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until Sunday, July 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 886.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4775) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until Wednesday, June 15, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 868, 869 and 874, and House documents numbered 1377, 1381, 1436 and 4453.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4776) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until Thursday, June 30, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 890 and 891, and House documents numbered 1426, 1434 and 4208.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4777) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Madaro of Boston) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be granted until Tuesday, May 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260, 1264, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1277, 1278, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1287, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1315, 1316, 1317 and 1318, and House documents numbered 1041, 2062,

Mental Health,
Substance Use
and Recovery
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2079, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2092, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2109, 2111, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2119, 2120, 2122, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128 and 3962.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4769) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Friday, June 10, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4454.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4770) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public Service
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Communications.

Communications

From the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Plymouth
County,—
Registry of Deeds
technology fund.

From the Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0020 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Nursing and Allied Health Trust Report for fiscal years 2021 and 2022; and

Nursing and
Allied Health
Trust report.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 32 of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 2014) submitting a report entitled: Agency Paper Reduction Efforts;

Transitional
Assistance,—
paper reduction.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Reports

Of the Special Legislative Early Education and Care Economic Review Commission established (under Section 106 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by sections 90 to 93, inclusive, of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021, and most recently revived and continued by Section 70 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) to make an investigation and study of expanding access to quality early education and care; and

Quality early
education
and care.

Of the Special Commission on Auto Body Labor rates (established under Section 130 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021, as amended by Section 68 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) to compile an analysis of auto body labor rates in the Commonwealth, the impact of managed competition in the automobile insurance market on labor rates and other related matters; and

Auto Body
Labor
Commission,—
analysis.

Quarterly reports

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its second quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and

Bureau of
Special
Investigations.

Of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the first quarter of calendar year 2022; Severally were placed on file.

Plymouth
County,—
Correctional
Facility.

Petitions.

Mrs. Campbell of Methuen presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4779) of Linda Dean Campbell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the composition of the assistant clerk of the council of the city of Methuen; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Methuen,—
assistant
clerk.

Mr. Sena of Acton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danillo A. Sena and James B. Eldridge for legislation to authorize the Devens Enterprise Commission to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Devens,—
liquor
license.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Further regulating public safety in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 1596) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Somerville,—
public safety.

Establishing a sick leave bank for John Carlson, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2686) (on a petition); and

John Carlson,—
sick leave.

Authorizing the city of Taunton to contract for the renewal of services relative to the operation and maintenance of its wastewater treatment plant, sewers and pump stations, for a term not to exceed 5 years (Senate, No. 2705) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Taunton,—
wastewater,
etc.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2870) of Marc R. Pacheco, Carol A. Doherty, Patricia A. Haddad and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers for the city of Taunton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Taunton,—
police
officers.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam Gomez for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elminia Falcone, an employee of the Department of Revenue, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Elminia Falcone,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2877) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jennifer Almond, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2694); and

House bills

Eliminating a sub-precinct in the town of Medway (printed in House, No. 4708);

Regarding the disability pension for Richard Cintolo (House, No. 4751) [Local Approval Received]; and

Regarding the disability pension for Scott O'Brien (House, No. 4753) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill relative to the reserve time of public safety personnel in the city of Revere (House, No. 4572) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on House Rules, that the Bill to address inequality, promote opportunity and end poverty (House, No. 294), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to health insurance and incarcerated individuals (House, No. 2462). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to a model carrier reporting requirement (House, No. 441).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3775, a Bill relative to licensing accountability and modernization in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4745).

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to reduce recidivism through evidence-based programs (House, No. 2469).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the existential threat posed by nuclear weapons to the commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 3688).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for an audit of gun violence prevention and intervention funding (House, No. 4236).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2419 and 2420, a Bill relative to expanding the availability of adaptable housing for consumers with disabilities, mobility impairments, and seniors (House, No. 4758).

Jennifer Almond,—
sick leave.

Medway.
Richard Cintolo,—
benefits.

Scott O'Brien,—
benefits.

Revere,—
public safety
personnel.

Community
action
agencies.

Incarcerated
persons,—
health insurance.

Alcohol,—
transport.

Licensing.

Recidivism,—
reduction.

Nuclear
weapons,—
commission.

Gun violence,—
audit.

Adaptable
housing.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to termination of sales to wholesalers by suppliers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 440).

Alcoholic
beverages.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4324, a Bill authorizing the town of Raynham to grant additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4746) [Local Approval Received].

Raynham,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4342, a Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4747) [Local Approval Received].

Rochester,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the transfer of original documents to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation from the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4627) [Local Approval Received].

Stockbridge,—
Mohican Nation
documents.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson (House, No. 4631) [Local Approval Received].

Hanson,—
conservation
restriction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a building permit surcharge and special revenue fund in the town of Winchester (House, No. 4632) [Local Approval Received].

Winchester,—
building permit
surcharge.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to enhance child passenger safety (House, No. 2446).

Child
passenger
safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to novelty sparklers (House, No. 2476).

Novelty
sparklers.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to blood testing for certain drivers (House, No. 3737).

Blood testing,—
drivers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of North Adams as the William F. Evans memorial bridge (House, No. 4661).

North Adams,—
Evans bridge.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria A. Conti, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 4523), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Maria Conti,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and Senate to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill changing the date of the annual town election in the town of Montague (see House, No. 4231) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Millbury to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No 2477);

Exempting Marcel Cuffy and John R. Baker from the maximum age requirements for firefighters in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 2498); and

Authorizing the town of Mansfield to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2591);

Severally having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill changing the board of selectmen of the town of Milford to a select board (House, No. 4556), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-two minutes before twelve eleven o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.